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A CHALLENGING CAREER AWAITS YOU AT THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WE HAVE MANY IMPORTANT MISSIONS

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) manages federal and state regulatory programs and delegates certain regulatory responsibilities to units of local government. The Agency monitors the environment, issues permits, recommends standards, investigates variances to standards, identifies polluters, initiates enforcement actions and provides technical and financial aid. The Agency also coordinates responses to accidents involving chemical discharges and manages state and federal cleanup programs.

The Agency has made significant progress in controlling pollution. The Agency continually achieves its goals by advocating a healthy environment without sacrificing a healthy economy. The Agency has also been a leader in forming new partnerships with industry and citizen groups, such as enlisting hundreds of volunteers to help monitor the quality of Illinois' lakes and joining with local groups in sponsoring numerous household hazardous waste collections.

WE STRIVE TO DEVELOP INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

The Agency's innovative programs include:

- The VOC (volatile organic compound) Trading Program that helps reduce air pollution in the Chicago area.
- Household hazardous waste, used tires and waste paint disposal programs;
- Partners for Clean Air that urges coalition members and the public to take certain voluntary steps to reduce VOC emissions during the summer ozone season on days when conditions favor formation of ozone (smog).
- A voluntary cleanup program to restore contaminated industrial sites, or "brownfields," that is a national leader; and
- Addressing pollution from abandoned landfills.

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The Agency Needs Talented Physical and Life Sciences Majors

The Illinois EPA is comprised of the Bureaus of Air, Land and Water, plus administrative, legal and laboratory support activities. The Agency's budget supports the activities of nearly 1,300 specialists from dozens of academic disciplines centered around the physical and life sciences. Most work at headquarter facilities in Springfield, with the remainder working out of regional field offices in Rockford, Des Plaines, Peoria, Champaign, Springfield, Collinsville and Marion.

The Illinois EPA's Office of Human Resources (OHR) supports Agency-wide recruitment and works with the Illinois Department of Central Management Services in obtaining qualified candidates for a wide variety of technical and administrative positions.

We Meet With More Than 5,000 Graduates Each Recruiting Season

OHR conducts on-campus recruiting each spring and fall at major colleges and universities throughout the Midwest, seeking candidates who have or who will soon possess appropriate degrees. As a member of the American Chemical Society, OHR also uses the Society's clearinghouse to help select chemical engineers and chemists. During each recruiting season, OHR interviewing officers will hold conversations with more than 5,000 students.

We will Analyze Your Resume' and Guide You Through the Job-Qualification Process

Job seekers are invited to visit the Agency's OHR office in Springfield, where they may learn how to qualify for openings at the Illinois EPA or for job openings at other state agencies. Prospective state workers will be guided through the job-qualification process. Whether you are seeking employment in the public or the private sector, OHR personnel will provide individualized resume' analysis and evaluation. The IEPA's web site also contains information on related job topics.

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